

# Employee newsletter becomes a quarterly

By Ted Hodgins

Along with the usual in-college announcements in the March issue of Communiqué, editors of the Conestoga College publication indicated that the newsletter would be cutting back to four issues per year.

"We decided that in conjunction with the funding announcements for the current year, we would advise of the cutback," said John MacKenzie, vice-president of student development and human resources.

MacKenzie said he is not happy about the change, but felt it had to be done. "I don't think that it's ideal, but with tough funding problems you have to make tough decisions."

MacKenzie said it was a cost cutting measure. MacKenzie discussed it with the economic management committee, and they looked at a number of different options.

"I don't see our financial situation easing up at all for the next three years . . . something had to go," MacKenzie said.

"I think communication is very important, but this is more an issue of whether or not we have alternative vehicles of doing that (internal communication). We will have regular meetings in the school between the different departments and staff, so that the communication flow can still move smoothly."

MacKenzie also said he hopes that the four issues of Communiqué will serve the needs of the college community.

"We would like to be communicating more often, but we will have

to depend on the existing management structure to fill the gap that will be left."

Although Communiqué will be coming out less often, the newsletter's format will remain basically the same, he said.

"Everything depends on the number of articles submitted. We are not saying that we'll produce four issues that are going to be 12 pages each. The size and format of the issue will all depend on the situation at the time," MacKenzie said.

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## Sutherland acclaimed as DSA president



Todd Sutherland

By M.L. Skornjak

This year's Doon Student Association executive election has been fraught with problems, culminating in the official disqualification of presidential candidate Robert Erickson March 30.

DSA executive elections, which were scheduled to start March 31, were cancelled.

As a result, second-year marketing student Todd Sutherland has been declared DSA president-elect by way of acclamation.

In his all-candidates speech to students March 30, Erickson an-

nounced he failed to meet one of the DSA's constitutional criteria for executive members — a minimum C average in his previous semester.

He said in his speech he hoped his announcement wouldn't jeopardize his campaign "after having come so far."

But because Erickson broke a constitutional bylaw, the chief returning officer Paula Pizarro had no choice but to disqualify him and declare Sutherland president-elect by acclamation.

DSA constitutional clause 6.02 states: "At the time of nomination,

all candidates are required to submit an official transcript showing their current academic standing. Their previous semester must indicate a C average . . . A nomination form will not be considered valid until all of the above criteria are met."

Jamie Slater, the current DSA vice-president of communications said "any constitutional matters have to go to the board of directors. The executive cannot take direct power over the constitution whatsoever. The executive could not just make a decision for one person to change a bylaw."

In an interview on April 1, Erickson admitted to previous knowledge of the required C average in the previous semester and the fact his own grades did not meet the criteria.

"Initially I didn't know about it (the grade requirement)," Erickson said. "As I went along, after I had gone quite a ways, I found out you had to have a C average for the previous term, which I did not have."

He said he became aware of the "previous term" clause just before the March break.

"A lot of people believed in me, See DSA, page 5

## Four vie for student BOG seat

By Daniel Harrison

A president, a vice-president, a chairman and a Rose are vying for the student representative's seat on Conestoga College's board of governors.

The election to fill the seat is set for April 8 and the winner will serve on the board for one year beginning in September.

Former Doon Student Association president John Lassel now occupies the seat and his term runs out this year.

The board of governors is the ultimate decision-making body for the college. The members are a mix of appointed and elected members.

The candidates:

□ Paula Ireland, 22, is president of the Guelph Student Association. She's in the second-year of the three-year materials management program at the Guelph campus.

If she wins, she'll be a board representative and still be attending the college. This dual role is important, she said. She wants the students of Conestoga College to be more aware of the board of governors and to increase the student's voice at the board.

She feels her GSA experience is valuable and wants to have the student representative reflect the whole college, not just Doon campus. She promises to meet with the four association presidents regularly to hear concerns.

Quote: "It's a simple fact that it's important that the board of governors has student reps. It's critical."

□ Jamie Slater, 19, is vice-president of communications for the DSA. He's in the final year of the journalism program.

Slater plans to attend the University of Guelph in the fall. Among other things, he promises to finish DSA business he started — such as

the capital development fund, as the fund works its way up the college bureaucracy to the board.

He wants to "network" with the various student associations to get their input into board business.

Quote: "The DSA is a good training ground for this position. It offered a chance to be familiar with college personnel and procedures."

□ Gary Pundsack, 30, is chairman of the Society of Mechanical Engineers at Doon campus and sits on the DSA board of directors. He is in the second-year of mechanical engineering at Doon campus.

If he wins, he will also still be attending school while serving on the board.

Pundsack has a broad-based education, having studied at the University of Alaska and at Concordia University at Montreal. He feels his maturity is an

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## College expects \$400,000 surplus

By Daniel Harrison

Conestoga College expects a surprise \$400,000 surplus for the 1991-92 fiscal year, said vice-president of finance Kevin Mullan.

The surplus in the \$58-million budget was caused by a slight increase in revenue and a slight decrease in expenditures, Mullan said.

The budget is just an estimate for the year, Mullan said, and being out even less than one per cent can produce a substantial amount.

The college is awaiting the announcement of its provincial grant for 1992-1993. Mullan said the size of the grant is unknown but it will be a "significant decrease" from last year's grant.

Last year, the college received a one per cent increase. This year, a three or four per cent decrease is expected, Mullan said. The current surplus will cover a part of that shortfall, he said.

In an interview, board of governors chair Jan Hayward said the college's managers deserve a "pat on the back" for creating a surplus during a tough year.

The college gets its revenue from provincial grants and payments from other sources, such as Canada Employment Centres who pay for training and retraining the unemployed.

The CEC's account for the unexpected increase in revenue, Mullan said.

## New WSA execs promise 'serious fun'

By Daniel Harrison

Serious fun.

That's the pledge — albeit oxymoronic — of the newly elected Waterloo Student Association executive.

President-elect Rob Nicol and vice-president-elect Doug Heffer promise to make next year bigger and better for the 350 students at Waterloo campus.

Nicol, 25, a general business stu-

dent just finishing his first year, beat out two other candidates for the presidency.

A peer tutor and part-time bartender, it's his first foray into WSA executive politics.

For Heffer, his experience as WSA promotions manager last year will be valuable in his role as vice-president, he said. The soon-to-be second-year food and beverage services student won in a two-horse race.

The two are a good fit, cracking smiles and breaking into spontaneous discussions about what they want to do.

"I'm an organizational freak. I put together my campaign in a weekend," Nicol said.

Heffer can't help but laugh. "And I'm in the last-minute, flustered-idiot type."

Nicol ran an innovative and humorous campaign, including selling

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Rob Nicol



Doug Heffer

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## Spring makes me sing the moving blues



By  
**Tammy Caron**

At this time of year, many people find themselves mumbling and grumbling about everything from the damp and dingy April showers to the annual spring clean-up. But not I.

Instead, I've found something more distressing to complain about — the pains of moving.

At first the thought of packing all my belongings didn't sound too complicated.

I was mistaken.

I have gone through the stages of moving twice before, but for some reason my mind decided to block out the agony I had suffered. Now with the big move back home almost complete, I feel like either flopping down on my couch and breathing a sigh of relief or pulling every strand of hair out of my head.

Packing for a weekend visit home is one thing, but packing for a prolonged if not permanent period of time is a whole new ball game. I decided to start with my clothes.

First, I separated my winter clothes from my fall and spring clothes. Then I separated my summer clothes.

Next, I had to decide what I was going to wear for the following week. The thought of digging through box after box to find what I wanted didn't appeal to me.

After they were put aside, it was time to attack my over-flowing underclothes drawer, now beginning to resemble an aging junk pile.

Not only did I relocate that missing pair of purple socks, I found last year's birthday cards, four pairs of crumpled pajamas, old instant photos (the kind you get at the booths in malls), my missing identification and my cordless curling iron.

It is amazing what you can find when you're not looking for it.

My next stop was the bathroom.

What a mess it was. I didn't realize how much junk I had stored away until I opened the medicine cabinet doors. Old prescriptions, ancient cosmetics, empty perfume bottles — I had it all.

The worst part of packing for the move was trying to decide what I was going to need at my mother's, and what I should send to my rental storage room.

Living on my own for 1 1/2 years now I've developed a need for having my own things around and the transition to being surrounded by my mother's things is sure to drive me crazy.

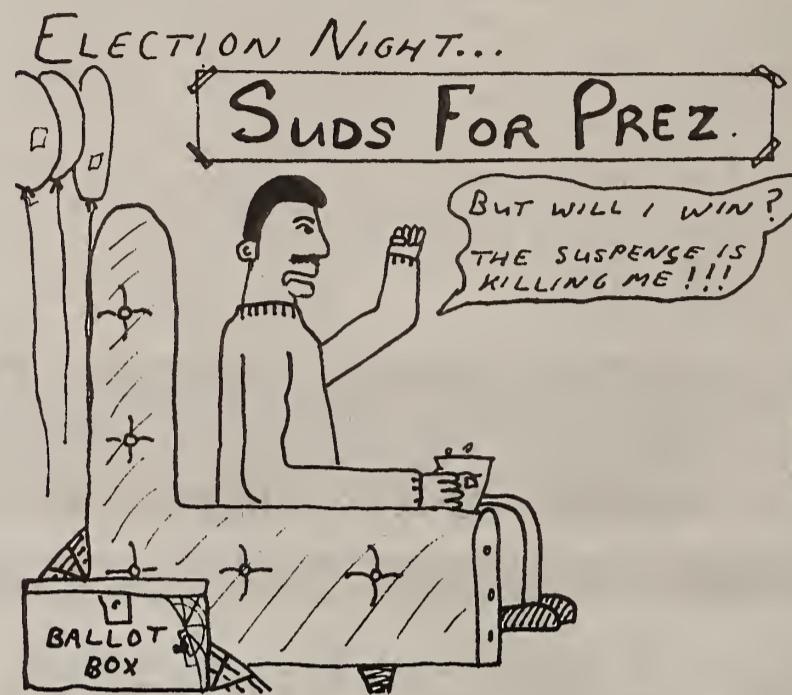
The majority of the packing is all done and I feel like my whole world fits comfortably in a few medium-sized boxes. I take a look around me and see, as if for the first time, why I liked my apartment.

My next thought was one so frightening I actually flinched — wishing I could avoid my responsibility. It was going to take me hours to clean!

## Letters to the editor

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## OPINION



## Oscars are best at their worst

The 64th annual Academy Awards were on last week. To anyone interested in entertainment, especially movies, it was an event not to be missed.

It's getting so that there are too many awards shows on television throughout the year, but the Oscars show is the one. The one that can make or break a movie career. The one that oddsmakers in Las Vegas pine over.

Everyone always complains about how long it is or how bad the production numbers are, but the fact that people talk about it at all shows that the Academy Awards has appeal.

Sometimes the Oscars can be the most memorable when they are at their worst, like the 1989 awards show's opening. Other musical openings come and go, but there will never be another one as tacky as Rob Lowe and an unknown actress as Snow White singing Proud Mary.

It's fun to watch celebrity presenters mispronounce the names of the nominees in the foreign film and technical categories. Also, the banter between some of the celebrities is stilted and looks over-rehearsed or worse, they have to squint their eyes to see the cue cards.

But whether the presenters mess up or not, at least it's a chance to see them out of character.

A lot of the actors and actresses that appear on the Oscars make rare appearances, so it is refreshing to see the "real" people.

The Oscars can also be a record of the times.

In the 1970s when streaking was a national fad, a man ran across the stage nude in the middle of the show, prompting presenter David Niven to say the man was showing his "shortcomings."

Lately, the mood of the '90s, political correctness and all, has been showing its ugly head.

Cries of sexism were heard this year because Barbara Streisand was "ignored" as best director for *The Prince of Tides*. Yet several movie critics say her direction was nothing special, so if she did get a nomination it would smack of tokenism.

Gays are also complaining because of what they perceive as negative portrayals of homosexuals and lesbians in movies such as *JFK* and *Silence of the Lambs*.

Lastly, if anyone out there thinks the Oscars are just a waste of time, then console yourself with the fact that it's somewhat of an economy booster in these recessionary times — at least for the people of southern California anyway.

Tuxedo rentals go up, limousine companies have a field day, gossip columnists do overtime on who escorted who, and the fashion industry shows off its wares, with everyone wondering what Cher will wear next and how low-cut or glitzy all the other dresses will be.

So through all the controversy, production numbers, and long acceptance speeches, Oscar night is a movie lover's time to celebrate the medium.

— Stewart Shutler

## Cochrane cleans up at Juno Awards

The 21st Juno Awards, held recently in Toronto, showcased the best of the Canadian music industry.

Although Tom Cochrane was the big winner, the event on the whole lacked any excitement or talent for that matter.

Cochrane received four Juno Awards for best male vocalist, album of the year, single of the year and songwriter of the year.

Bryan Adams, who was nominated in seven different categories, took home entertainer of the year and best producer award.

He was also given a special achievement award for the single, *Everything I Do, I Do It For You*.

Adam's song has become the most successful single in Canadian history and reached No. 1 in 21 countries.

It's strange that Adam's song was beat by Cochrane's *Life is a Highway*.

Both songs are good, but one can't help but wonder if the Canadian music industry is getting revenge on Adams for his public bashings of any regulations which declared the singer "un-Canadian."

Like most award shows, the Junos play safe and keep away from honoring true die-hard acts — such as the Tragically Hip who were nominated for group of the year — for pure record sales and image.

The show was made even more bland by Rick

Moranis, whose comic skills didn't blend well with his job as host, and lackluster live performances by many of the nominees, including Cochrane, who proved he can play the harmonica better than he can carry a note.

Following his performance, however, Cochrane was awarded best male vocalist.

Although the Junos were plagued with broadcast problems, the picture and sound faded for more than 15 seconds during Adam's opening number, some performers shined.

Classical cellist Ofra Harnoy and best female vocalist nominee, Loreena McKennitt, took to the stage and weaved a wanton web of musical imagery. McKennitt's voice and harp wailing, amazed the audience.

Then it got stupid again. Inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame were Ian and Sylvia Tyson.

But before the duo accepted their award, the Juno committee felt a need to showcase other Canadian acts covering the Tyson's songs to honor them. NOT!

Jane Siberry's version of *Four Strong Winds* would be enough to make anyone wonder if their contribution to music really sounds that awful.

As the Junos wrapped up, it was apparent the song remains the same — Juno style. Which isn't saying much.

— Jamie Slater

# College in good position to weather recession

By Ted Hodgins

Although colleges and universities in Ontario are facing some of their toughest years in memory — with a recession and only a one per cent provincial funding increase — the president of Conestoga College feels the college is in a good position to deal with these problems.

"We are managing our way through this in a different fashion than other colleges," John Tibbits said in an interview. "We are optimistic that we can work our way through this without any major changes."

Layoffs can be a big concern for the staff of a large college or university in these times, but Tibbits said there are no plans for any at

Conestoga College in the near future.

"We are not at the point where we are looking at any layoffs, but we have to wait until after the provincial budget comes down before we make any definite plans."

"I understand Mohawk College had to lay off the equivalent of 70 full-time positions. We are not in that situation here," Tibbits said.

Gradual changes to the financial structure of the college has been the key to the college's solid footing. "We have been acting responsibly for the last four years."

"We are handling our budget in a much more low-key fashion than other colleges. We have been working on it for the past four months and we have been doing it in a very careful, quiet and responsible way," Tibbits said.

"Careful hiring has been a big part of the budget plans. We have been very cautious over the past four years when it comes to hiring," he said.

Every time a vacancy opens at the college, it has to go to the senior management group before they hire someone else, and that's very unusual, Tibbits said.

"We don't have a hiring freeze but we're careful who we hire. The economic problems, however, have had an effect on the college. There are things that we are not doing. For instance, we would have liked to expand."

There is a need to expand the college at least 20 per cent but because of economic realities it can't be done, Tibbits said. And

there are no plans for a cap on enrolment at the college but there only so many students they can take on.

"There are more and more applications of new students and because we can only take in a certain amount it allows us to pick the best of what's available."

Tibbits said that the college is constantly changing but the effect of these changes should have little effect on the student body.

He said, things should get better at the college for the average student in the future. "We'll have the new administration building opened up, we might put in another computer lab, there is more furniture in the cafeteria I think from a student's point of view things will look better, not worse," Tibbits said.

## Travel firm's closing jeopardizes trip

By Ken Cenerelli and M.L. Skornyak

The Doon Student Association March break get-away barely got off-the-ground.

The travel company the DSA booked the spring break get-away to Cancun, Mexico with, Action Holidays, announced they could not accommodate their clients putting the trip in jeopardy during the week of March 2.

Conestoga College students were scheduled to leave March 13.

The issue is still under investigation and an official cause for the closure has not been made public.

Fortunately, Action Holidays was registered with the Travel Industry Act of Ontario, which guarantees a full refund for all travellers in the event of an agency closure, said Becky Westman, DSA activities co-ordinator.

On March 4, Westman received a call from Todd Kirlik, the Action

Holidays representative, confirming the company's closure.

"The worst possible scenario was a 100 per cent refund," Westman said. "We were offered two options: wait several months to receive a refund or accept a destination-for-destination trip with one of two possible tour groups, Adanac Tours and Breakaway Tours, determined by Action Holidays."

The trip made available to them was to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico with Adanac Tours, Westman said. "Actually the trip was upgraded because the hotel, Fiesta Americana, is better than the hotel in Cancun."

The DSA chose to accept the rebooking with Adanac Tours because of their previous business relationship with the agency. Adanac Tours has handled the DSA Winter Carnival trips, including this year's trip to Québec City.

Adanac Tours offered to cover most of Action Holidays' bookings,

including the DSA trip, in co-operation with the Ontario government.

"Eleven hundred people were put in jeopardy," said Sylvia Parovel, a travel agent with Adanac Tours. "I believe we protected about 950 of them and they were able to travel without having to pay again."

Conestoga vacationers signed over their refund to Adanac Tours in exchange for the Puerto Vallarta trip.

John Goard, Adanac Tours' office manager, said he doesn't expect to receive any of the money from the government for at least four to six months.

The DSA has booked previous Spring break excursions with Action Holidays, including last year's trip to Cancun.

"It was a potentially dangerous situation," said Jamie Slater, DSA vice-president of communications. "One that really turned out much, much better than we could have anticipated."

## Tutored student returns favor

By Rob Maddox

Anytime you can turn an incomplete grade into a B+, you must be talking about student success.

Conestoga College student Jean Young accomplished just that and more this past semester when she began experiencing difficulties understanding computer programs such as Lotus 1-2-3 and Word-Perfect.

"I was scared to get help and I figured people would think I was stupid," the first-year welding engineering technology student said in an interview after the appreciation luncheon for peer tutors and peer helpers.

Held at the Waterloo campus March 26, the luncheon gave thanks to 16 peer tutors and peer helpers who served the Guelph and

Waterloo campuses for the 1991-92 academic year.

"I knew if I didn't get some help soon, I wasn't going to pass the course," Young said.

Peer tutor and fellow welding engineering student Chris Werner saw Young was having problems with computers and volunteered help.

With the aid of Juliet Campbell, peer tutoring organizer for the Guelph and Waterloo campuses, they set up a tutoring session for seven hours a week.

When the sessions were completed, Young finished the course with a B+.

"There was nothing wrong with the teacher," Young said. "It was just that I wasn't comprehending what was going on. It was baby-step time and we (the tutor and I) went over things slowly and there

was no rush."

Young enjoyed the sharing and learning experience so much she returned the favor and is currently tutoring a student in math.

Young said students must get over their fear of asking questions. "He (the student) was a lot like me. He was scared to ask questions."

Peer tutoring and peer helping also improves a student's confidence.

"I've learned you can accomplish your goals through tutoring," Young said, adding that she is more assertive and confident about herself after the tutoring experience.

"It (tutoring) worked because the tutor had patience with me and made me look at things and say: That's not hard. You can do it. You just have to sit down and think about it."

## Newly elected WSA executives promise more activities, fun times

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"Nicol for president" T-shirts for \$5 each. He also blanketed the campus with 250 neon-colored posters.

"I didn't want to come out and say, 'I'm Rob. I'm a peer tutor. I'm an honors student. Vote for me,'" Nicol said.

He vows the '92-93 school year will not be a staid affair. He's vigorously seconded by the boisterous Heffer.

They hope to expand the number of special events, like hockey or baseball games, the WSA sponsors.

His first priority is getting the plans for the Frosh Week started now and making it a better time for students to get acquainted. He hopes to have a beach volleyball tournament during the week.

"Nooners" — noon-hour concerts or comedians — are also on his wish list. So are better pubs.

But he is mindful of the cost of his

plans and the response of administration to them.

"We're going to have fun, but alcohol awareness is important. We don't want anybody hurt," Nicol said.

He may have poked fun at serious campaigns by having satirical campaign promises — such as if elected I will keep the Atlantic and Pacific oceans exactly where they are — But he also plans some serious WSA reforms. One is dropping class reps.

"They don't show up to meetings.

If you can't put in two to three hours (for the WSA), then..." His shaking head finishes the sentence.

Nicol also wants to have better communication and co-ordination of activities with other campus student associations. Joint activities are also possible, he said.

He plans on making WSA members more accountable and visible by continuing and expanding the current WSA practice of having a member in the office at a specified time each day.

Heffer's pet project is improving the student lounge, including new paint and getting the furniture from Doon campus after its lounge is remodelled. A clock would be nice, too.

"Can you believe it? There's no clock in that room," he said, shaking his head. That's indicative of the problems of the past, he said.

He wants to expand the "bitch" sessions where students can offer complaints and suggestions to the WSA.

## Letters to the editor

### Program started in 1928

To the editor:

I would like to clarify some information in the February 10th article, Apprenticeship program to help women at college.

The article indicates that the apprenticeship program was started in 1989 when in fact it was the Women's Access to Apprenticeship Project that was started in 1989. The apprenticeship program has formally existed in Ontario since 1928 when the Ontario Apprenticeship Act was signed.

Thank you for the opportunity to explain this.

Sarah Zamin  
Women's Access Co-ordinator  
Ontario Ministry of Skills Development

### Nooner comedian 'crass and low class'

To the editor:

After we heard the free nooner on March 31 featuring Sherry O'Brien, we were compelled to write.

Since we had not previously attended any nooners (due to class scheduling conflicts), we were looking forward to some comedy during lunch. Instead we were subjected to vulgarities.

We were offended by most of O'Brien's material. Jokes about masturbation and oral sex are not the types of jokes we want to hear while we are trying to eat our lunches.

The bulk of O'Brien's act seemed to revolve around group sex, oral sex and masturbation. When those jokes did not get a laugh, she resorted to using the 'F' word as many times as she could.

Some people may find this funny, but to us she merely came across as crass and low class.

If she is ever scheduled for another nooner, you can bet we will be far out of hearing distance.

We hope, for the Doon Student Association's sake, that not a lot of money was spent to get her to appear, because it was money wasted.

The DSA would do well to invite Mike Wilmont (Nooner leaves students smiling, Spoke, Feb. 17, 1992) back for another performance.

Comedy can be funny without being crass and offensive.

Heather McDonald  
Nancy Walton  
Second-year law and security administration

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# Top-free activist Gwen Jacob visits Doon

By Kim Louie  
Special to Spoke

"Everyone should be arrested once for something they believe in," said equal-rights crusader Gwen Jacob during a simulated press conference with journalism students at Doon campus on March 24.

"It's a valuable experience."

She was referring to a July 19, 1991 incident when she was charged by the police for walking without a shirt along a Guelph street. Her Jan. 17, 1992 conviction, which she has since appealed, resulted in a \$75 fine.

During the meeting, the 20-year-old University of Guelph student voiced her complaints against the indecent act section under the crim-



Gwen Jacob

inal code which she claimed was being enforced in a discriminatory way against Canadian women.

"There's nothing dis-

criminatory under the (criminal) code itself," Jacob said.

She claimed that, in terms of being top-free, the law is applied unfairly to women.

"What I'm trying to do is change the way people view women's breasts (and) allow women to define their own

bodies," Jacob said.

She believes women should have the same rights as men to be top-free in public because "breasts are not inherently sexual."

Removing her shirt was not a sexual act. She said she felt cooler without the shirt because there was a nice breeze.

"There's nothing particularly sexual about sweating."

Jacob also claimed that women are constantly being exploited by the media.

"Women have been chopped up into little pieces to sell beer and cars."

She defended her position against people who say that the issue of top-free women is trivial.

"There's a big difference between trivial and basic."

Jacob said that her fight was against a "patriarchal" society that discriminates against women, an issue that is basic to all women.

"Before I was arrested this wasn't an issue. Now everybody is talking about it," Jacob said.

She also noted that her original hope was to have her appeal paid for by the Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF), a federal organization that funds court challenges to the constitution.

LEAF, however, lost its government funding because of budget cuts and Jacob maintained that her appeal will be paid for solely by donations and T-shirt sales.

Jacob became annoyed when

asked what her parents thought about her recent actions.

"It doesn't matter," Jacob retorted. "Nobody ever asks murderers what their mothers felt."

When asked if she thought whether women being top-free might increase the rate of sexual assaults against women, she again responded bluntly: "Sexual assault is a power crime, not a sex crime."

Towards the end of the meeting, Jacob criticized the judicial system.

"I knew it was biased when I went in, and I knew damn well it was biased when I came out," she said.

Jacob is to appear in court on April 28 to set a date for her appeal.

*Gwen Jacob photo by Sandra Schuett*

## Nursing program stresses the 'basics'

By Rob Maddox

Responding to the changes in Ontario's health care system, Conestoga College is offering a post-basic community nursing program for RNs and RNAs beginning in May.

Following Ministry of Colleges and Universities approval, the 240-hour certificate program will consist of five modules — two clinical experience and three theory — designed for displaced or unemployed RNs and RNAs who want to learn the skills necessary for community nursing.

"Problem-solving, decision-making and critical-thinking skills are the things we are going to emphasize," said Bill Jeffrey, dean of health sciences, in a recent interview.

The new nursing program will accept 25 students and the curriculum will be the same for both RNs and RNAs.

Depending on the response, Jeffrey said Doon, Stratford, and Cambridge campuses could conduct possibly six intakes at one time.

Jeffrey said he doesn't know if classes will be held during the day, evening or the weekend but said "we have to be very flexible."

The first module an introduction to community nursing deals with the transition of moving from a busy, team-oriented hospital atmosphere to being the sole supervisor for a patient in a family environment.

This new program is the college's reaction to change in the health care system, he said.

"We have to make sure our graduates are prepared to assume the roles in the new health care delivery system," Jeffrey said, citing a Jan. 16 news release issued from the Ministry of Health.

The ministry has established the province's stand on five health goals.

These goals are:

- shift emphasis from treatment to health promotion and disease prevention;
- foster strong supportive families and communities;
- ensure a safe, high quality physical environment;
- increase the number of years of good health for Ontario citizens by reducing illness, disability and premature death;
- and provide accessible, afford-

RNs at the college and only 100 seats for RNAs.

The college traditionally accepted 92 first-year students for the nursing program and 50 for the nursing assistant.

Following the report put forth by the Ministry of Health this February, Conestoga College accepted 82 nursing students and 60 nursing assistant students.

"This September, we will be reducing (RNs) by another 10 seats and increase to 70 the nursing assistant program," Jeffrey said.

It's been envisioned by the year 2000 that every hospital bed in Ontario, and probably across Canada, will be critical-care beds, he said.

Conestoga College has to keep up with health care changes.

"Our nursing program curriculum has to reflect more community-based nursing," he said.

The students of the future will have more clinical experience, not only in the hospital, but more community-based practice.



### Right to the point

From left, registered nurses Kathy Hicks and Caroyl Glaze demonstrate the hepatitis B shot administered to student on March 30 at Doon campus.

(Photo by Tammy Caron)

### SPRING THAW BOAT RACE

Saturday, April 25

#### CLASSES:

Canoe — Maximum 2 persons

Kayak — Maximum 1 person

Home-made Craft — Maximum 6 persons

No sails, motors or racing canoes allowed. Lifejackets must be worn.

#### REGISTRATION :

April 25, 1992

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Labatt's Van, Bridgeport Community Centre  
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\$5 per person

#### START:

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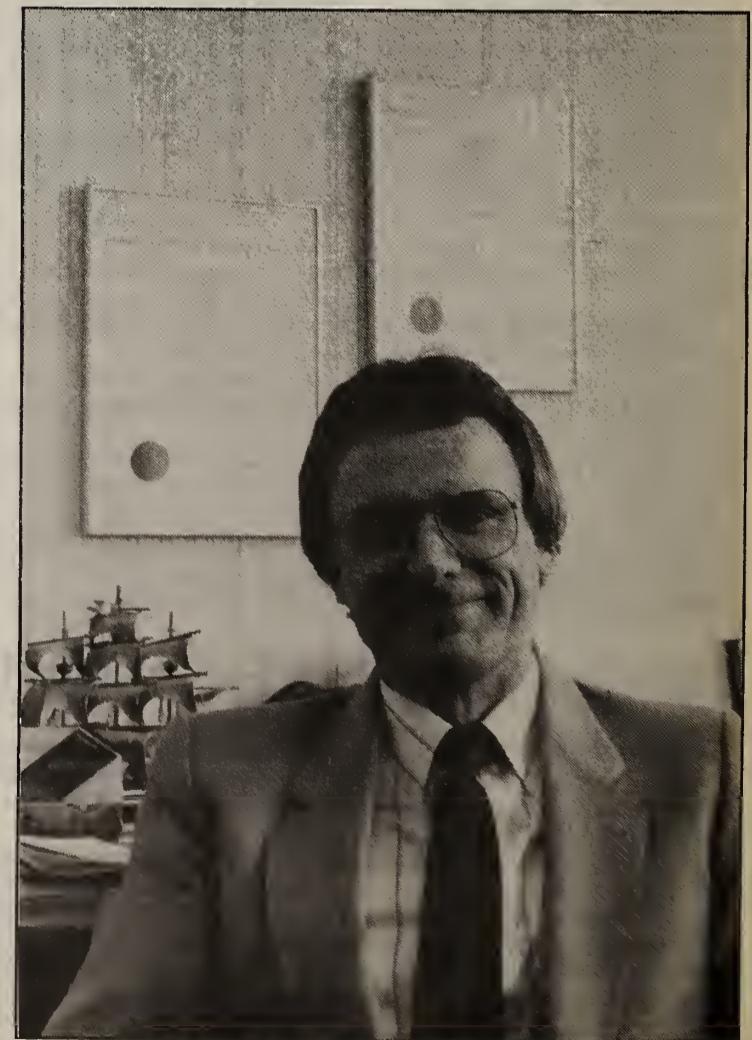
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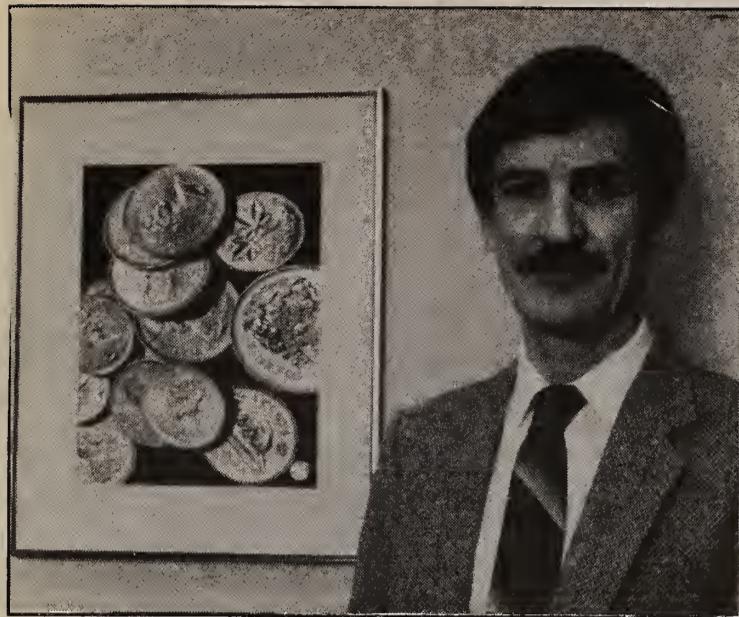
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— Following the race —



Bill Jeffrey, dean of health sciences, is hoping to implement a community-based nursing program at the college.

(Photo by Rob Maddox)



Kevin Mullan, vice-president of finances, with his inspiration for money-saving measures.

(Photo by Tammy Caron)

## Finance department seeks cost-cutting ideas

By Ted Hodgins

The March issue of *Communiqué*, the college's staff publication, had a yellow slip of paper within its pages. It was from the finance department asking the staff for some money-saving suggestions.

"It's one of our common practices during budget time to look for some help from the staff, but this is the first time we have formally advertised," said Kevin Mullan, vice-president of the finance department.

Even though the department has only gotten back about eight responses, they are not discouraged. "We have a very open-door policy here at the finance department and people usually just come in and give us a few ideas," said Mullan.

The ideas that they have gotten are not always new, but Mullan and his staff keep trying. "The responses run from restricting the number of photocopies, to telephone costs, to reducing the amount of overtime used, to increasing fees," said Mullan.

"At this point I would say we have not heard anything revolutionary but I would rather get a hundred ideas that we have thought of and only get one or two that are new, then not try at all."

Mullan has confidence in the staff and in his process of receiving their ideas. "There is a lot of people that myself or other members of the staff don't see very often, so what this is doing is starting a thought process," said Mullan.

"There are two things that this does: one, it sets the tone and reinforces the fact that these are tight times that we are in and secondly, it makes sure that people know that if they have valid idea that we will listen to it."

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## 23rd Annual DSA/Athletics Awards Night

Thursday, April 9, 1992  
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Cocktails will be served  
from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Awards Presentation  
from 7 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.

Tickets: \$8 before April 3  
\$10 after April 3



## DSA presidential candidate disqualified

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had faith in me and wanted me to run. And a lot of people knew about this mark thing.

"So I said 'I'll see what happens' and we did — we took it to the limit."

Pizarro said Erickson originally submitted what is called a "positive only" transcript, which lists only positive results.

The typewritten letter from Tony Kattenhorn, the program co-ordinator of the mechanical engineering design and analysis program, indicated Erickson had met the minimum C average criteria for the previous semester.

The transcript, which cannot be disclosed by law, indicated grades for four semesters, Pizarro said.

The typewritten list of grades was conditionally accepted by Pizarro as an accurate transcript of standing during the week of March 23 — campaign week.

"But I asked for an actual transcript yesterday (March 30) to confirm that he had the required minimum C average," Pizarro said.

Slater said when he and Anita Arnold, the current DSA vice-president of administration, became aware of the situation the morning of March 30, they also asked Erickson for an official transcript of standing from the Registrar's Office.

"I gave them a transcript (the positive only transcript)," Erickson said. "But I knew it wasn't going to suffice."

When confronted by Arnold, Slater and Pizarro the morning of the all-candidates speeches, Erickson realized he had been "caught" and he had taken the campaign as far as he could.

"I was taking a chance" making the situation public, Erickson said. "But I had to try."

Slater, Arnold and Pizarro said Erickson's announcement during

the candidates speeches March 30 was the first time they had any indication that he did not meet the minimum C average requirement.

Slater said the minimum C average criteria was clearly stated on DSA election advertising material and in the copy of the DSA election package given to each of the nominees.

This is an unfortunate incident," Slater said, "because what he has done is publicly humiliate himself and the DSA. He could have got out of this without the public being aware. He could have come to us and said 'Look, I don't meet the criteria, what should I do?'"

Last year's minimum C average and no Fs clause resulted in three candidates being disqualified. The constitution was changed to be fair

to students who had run into difficulty in certain courses but still maintained a C average, Slater said.

"Being involved with the DSA requires a lot of time," Slater said. "And very regularly what you'll find is your average can easily drop a point mark."

Erickson agreed the minimum grade requirement is necessary for DSA executive members.

"I'm not bitter," Erickson said. "I believe my disqualification is valid because marks are important."

But he feels the election process should be changed so that each nominee receives a criteria package when they pick up a nomination form and they must sign to acknowledge they received it so "there is no room for any misunderstandings."



Todd Sutherland, left, and Robert Erickson, shake hands after the all-candidates speeches March 30. Erickson was later disqualified.

(Photo by Tammy Caron)

## BOG candidates square off

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important asset. He wants to make the college a renowned, world-class institution. He promises to work closely with the various association heads, too.

Quote: "I have a willingness to speak out and have an effective voice at the board level about student issues and concerns ... and I'll know them because I'll still be one."

□ Rose Hewitson, 27, is a second-year materials management student at Guelph campus and will still be a full-time student next year.

She's a big booster of the college system. She attended Wilfrid Laurier University for two years and was disappointed with it. She investigated the materials management program and found it was exactly what she was looking for.

She has board experience, having served on the Guelph ringette association board and the local parent-teacher association, and feels her maturity is an asset.

Quote: "Your job (on the board) is to govern, not be judgemental or critical. It's a skill to a board member and a great responsibility."

Asked whether not being a student at the college while sitting on the board is a negative, Slater agreed but said that it would be balanced by other factors.

"(The) negative is I wouldn't be on campus. The plus is that I have been involved in issues this year that will come to the board next year. I'll be more familiar with them," he said. Also, being slightly

detached from the college can give you a different perspective, he said.

Slater has attended board meetings. While Pundsack said he has not, he does sit on the BOD and is familiar with the way boards work, he said. Ireland and Hewitson have also not attended one of the college's board meetings.

But both said their experience on other boards more than makes up for it.

Pundsack said his business experience is a plus. The Guelph resident would use the board's clout to help make the college more efficient.

Also, he wants Conestoga College to step up its marketing so it can be better known.

If elected, he would like to sit on the board's program advisory subcommittee to ensure the students get a proper and world-class education.

Ireland said she wants the student representative on the board to truly represent the students. She emphasizes the representative should be a current student and should meet with students and hear student concerns.

"I would encourage students to come forward (to me) with their concerns, no matter how minute, and I'll take them to the board," she said.

Hewitson has a similar position. The perspective a current student has on college issues is unique and important. "You're living it," she said.

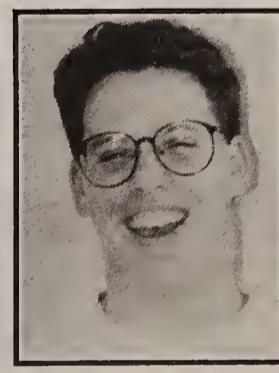
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## Books displayed at Doon

By John L. Tachauer

Doon campus's Learning Resource Centre was more than just a library on March 19.

Representatives from 22 publishing companies from across Ontario set up and displayed their publications to faculty members during the fifth annual Conestoga Book Fair.

Each company had been given a list of programs available at the college, said Jill Douglas, LRC co-ordinator. A variety of new publications for instructors to look over as possible-textbooks were on display.

"(The fair) was very popular last

year," said Douglas.

There was a "relatively fine" turn out at this year's fair, said Laura Vanek, marketing co-ordinator for Houghton Mifflin Canada. She said the fair was organized well, but it wasn't a good idea to hold it during study week.

"We couldn't hold the fair when students are here full force," Douglas said. "We had to use the whole resource centre, and students need to use it."

Publishing companies represented at the book fair included Houghton Mifflin Canada, Prentice-Hall Canada, Self-Counsel Press and John Wiley and Sons.

By Tammy Caron

Students at Conestoga College, as well as other schools in the Waterloo Region, have been asked by the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) to donate books to their 28th annual book sale.

The sale is scheduled for noon to 9 p.m. on April 3 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 4 and will be held at the First United Church near King and William streets in Waterloo.

"Every year we contact the Waterloo County board of education about the sale and they put up flyers. We try to cover the two universities and Conestoga College," said Lenia Chamberlain, an executive on the CFUW council and co-chairperson of the project committee.

"The numbers change every year so we don't have a specific target," said Chamberlain. "I'm not sure, but last year we received about 70,000 volumes. It is a very big event, a lot of people save their books and look for our signs."

Almost \$14,000 was raised from last year's sale, Chamberlain said. She hopes to equal that amount again this year. All monies raised go towards bursaries.

"Every year we give two prizes, such as a book, to every high school

in the area for students with the best overall grades and two bursaries for university students with the highest grades in one year in French and history."

The Kitchener-Waterloo branch of the Ontario Federation of University Women have donated an annual \$500 bursary to a female student at Conestoga College for the past 10 years.

"The bursary is based on financial

standing. Female students apply for it and it is given to the student with the greatest need," said Betty Martin, college registrar.

Prices of books will vary depending on condition and history. Paperbacks cost 50 cents, hard covers \$1, special books such as encyclopedias will be priced individually, reference books cost about \$3 and old edition or documentary books will range from \$5 to \$10.

## College applications up 20%

By Daniel Harrison

Waterloo Region's high unemployment and the recession have caused applications to Conestoga College for the fall semester to jump 20 per cent.

The unemployment rate is also being tagged as the reason for a \$400,000 surplus the college will have for this year (1991-1992).

College vice-president of finance Kevin Mullan told the March 23 meeting of the board of governors the upswing probably won't be followed by an increase in the number of students admitted to the college.

The college student body grew this year by eight per cent.

Last year, the college received a one per cent increase, not enough to cover inflation.

The provincial grant for next year will be announced soon, but Mullan doesn't expect it to increase at all.

In fact, he expects a four per cent decrease.

"We can't expand with minus four per cent (funding)," he said.

The upshot is the college has a stronger pool of students to draw from and will probably increase its retention rate, said board member Don Roberts.

The retention rate is the number of students who stay in school and complete their program.

### The Doon Student Association

is still accepting applications for the following positions:

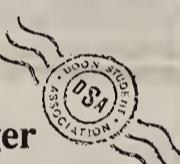
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Pub Manager

Assistant Pub Manager

Entertainment Manager

Assistant Activities Co-ordinator



Applications can be picked up at the DSA Activities Office. Applications will be accepted until April 10th at noon.

### Conestoga College at the SkyDome

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Monday, April 13  
GAME TIME: 7:35 p.m.

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CASH ONLY

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Bus will depart from Door #3 foyer at 5 p.m.



Help cheer the Jays on to victory!

### MODELS NEEDED!

*Conestoga College is preparing its new set of publications to provide information and attract new students.*

If you would like to volunteer to be a photographic subject, please come to an information meeting:

Tuesday, April 14, 4 p.m.

Guild Room (Room 2A11-8) Doon campus

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# ENTERTAINMENT



Ken Cenerelli, M.L. Skornyak, Ted Hodgins, Renee Ammendolia, Craig Stewart and Jamie Slater, all second-year journalism students, form the group The Commitments that performed at Homegrown Talent Night 1992 at the Doon campus on March 26.



Ryan Hovinga, a second-year journalism student, and Chris Gatchene, a former broadcasting — radio and television student perform Boston Wimps.

(Photos by Stewart Shutler)

## Students showcase their talents at Homegrown '92

By Stewart Shutler

If Conestoga College's Homegrown Talent Night 1992 was a sample of the talent contained within the college's halls, then look out world.

Winners were The Commitments, in the air band category; Crusty, a.k.a. Ted Hodgins, a second-year journalism student, (the only performer in the Do What You Can category); John White in the solo category; and the Boston Wimps, in the group category.

The other contestants in the air band category, DJ Snapping Lu and His Carvers and Whiffest, both lip-synched to thrash-metal songs. Whiffest came in second place.

The Commitments lived up to their name, mimicking the group from the recent movie of the same name, singing Mustang Sally.

The group consisted of Jamie Slater, Ken Cenerelli, funnyman Hodgins, M. L. Skornyak, Renee Ammendolia, Craig Stewart, all second-year journalism students. Anita Arnold, a third-year nursing

student, and Cathy Goodwin, the Doon Student Association clerk, rounded out the group.

Crusty, who did a stand-up comedy act, started off a little slow but eventually won the audience over.

His routine included stories about his grandmother living in sin with a younger man — who's all of 78 — and self-deprecating wit. An example: Crusty saying that he was just there to give people a chance to go to the washroom between musical acts.

Both of the solo performers,

White and Carey B. Grant, played their own songs.

White played bass guitar and sang Disillusioned. Grant played guitar and sang Out of the Depths Come the Hounds of Heaven.

The Boston Wimps consisted of Paddy Flynn on bass and vocals, Chris Gatchene, a former broadcasting — radio and television student, on guitar; Ryan Hovinga, a second-year journalism student, on guitar and vocals; and Dan Michel, from the Rhinos, on drums.

The group wowed the crowd with

their renditions of Mustang Sally and The Band's The Weight.

Other rock groups included Church of Bones, Mad Baker, and Parasite; last year's winners, The Harmonics; pop groups Writer's Cramp and Vice President's Choice; thrash metal group Heavy Cutting, who won second place; and folk duo Herbs and Spices.

A standout was Writer's Cramp, with Ammendolia, keeping up the pace with what she called a "lyrical challenge" — R.E.M.'s The End of the World.

## Predator violates the human spirit in a suspenseful tale of abuse

**Predator**  
by Jack Olsen  
(Dell Publishing, \$6.99)  
432 pages

By Tammy Caron

Violence and abuse is prevalent in today's society and no one can really afford to remain ignorant of it.

Most people wouldn't consider inflicting pain on another. But there are people who enjoy seeing and being a part of the pain suffered by others.

This is a story about such a man. Jack Olsen, the best-selling author of *Doc: The Rape of the Town of Lovell, and Son: A Psychopath and His Victims*, has released his latest true-crime story *Predator*.

Olsen is the author of 24 books published in 11 different countries and nine languages.

In *Predator*, he has recreated the astonishing story of how a serial rapist almost got away with his crimes and how an innocent man's life was destroyed by a twisted legal system.

### Book Review

Certain characters in the book have been assigned pseudonyms, but the facts have never been more real.

The main character Mac Smith is a con man who thrives on sex. He believes women are worthless, inferior creatures who deserve to be abused.

**Olsen uses a potent mix of facts and emotion to carry the reader through the story**

Growing up in an unstable family, Smith's disturbed mental state and unusual sexual preferences began as a young child.

Predicting his odds of getting caught as low, Smith spends many years abusing women across the U.S.

Steve Titus is a promising district supervisor in charge of an expanding seafood chain.

Planning his upcoming wedding were the only thoughts that occupied his mind — until he found himself at the centre of a rape case. Confused and angry, Titus loses control of himself in the controversy.

Olsen uses a potent mix of facts and emotion to carry the reader through the story.

It is an easy read, lacking any cumbersome, stifling legal language but it releases feelings of compassion and pity for Titus, his family and the women who take a stand against the abuse they faced from Smith.

Testimonies from both the accusers and the accused creates a balanced storyline which helps to offset the one-sided, self-centred attitude of Smith.

The intertwined stories of these two men's lives is both revolting and remarkable.

*Predator* is a fast-paced, true-life story which describes how a deviant and evil man is capable of violating the human spirit and how easily an innocent man's dreams can be shattered.

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# SPORTS

## Conestoga wins indoor soccer gold

By Jamie Slater

It was pay-back time.

The men's Conestoga College indoor soccer team got revenge on Centennial College when they won the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association gold medal in a re-match of last year's final, defeating Centennial 2-1.

The match, played at the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre on March 28, gave Conestoga the opportunity to avenge their one-point loss in last year's final to the Scarborough team.

In the first Condor match of the tournament, Conestoga blew a 2-0 half-time lead and had to settle for a 2-2 tie with Humber College.

"We went into a collapse," said assistant coach Duane Shadd, replacing head coach Geoff Johnstone who was coaching the women's team in North Bay in the OCAA women's championships. "But we knew what we did wrong. We didn't attack."

Conestoga took over top spot in pool B, with help from Sheridan College after it defeated Humber College 4-0.

The Condors then secured their top spot position by defeating Sheridan 3-0, while Centennial tied with Cambrian College 3-3.

At the end of the first day of com-



Condor Todd Swangaard, left, manoeuvres the ball during the OCAA indoor soccer championships.

(Photo by John L. Tachauer)

petition, Centennial and Conestoga were the leaders.

The order didn't change for Saturday's matches.

Sheridan met Cambrian in the bronze-medal final.

After a scoreless first-half, Sheridan scored with only 10 minutes left in the game.

Cambrian returned the favor about seven minutes later to tie the game.

Because it was a medal match, an overtime period had to be played.

Sheridan defeated Cambrian 2-1 to win the bronze medal.

In the gold-medal game, the Condors didn't need to go into overtime to win the gold, as they defeated Centennial 2-1 in regulation time.

"We were very happy to win the final," said Shadd. "With four or five players down, it was a real team effort. It was satisfying."

## Women Condors settle for silver

By John L. Tachauer

The women's indoor soccer Condors ended the Ontario Colleges Athletics Association indoor soccer championships with a silver medal at North Bay March 27 and 28.

Gold medal-winning Sheridan College defeated Conestoga College 1-0 in the finals with a successful sudden-death play off after both regulation and overtime play.

"It was by far the best soccer game of the tournament," Condor coach Geoff Johnstone said about the final. "The game in regulation time was very even."

The overtime period was dominated by Conestoga, Johnstone said.

"However, they were unable to apply the finishing touch. Sheridan's goalkeeper made a series of outstanding saves to keep them alive."

In game one of the championships, Conestoga defeated Canadore College 4-1 with goals from Mary Sue Shortreed, Caroline Murphy, Christine Welsand and Corky Hebert.

"Canadore is a crash-and-bash team," Johnstone said. "I told the (Condor) players to slow the pace down."

The fans reacted by becoming "deathly quiet," he added.

In the second game, Conestoga shut out Centennial College 2-0, despite a number of injured Condor players.

Jaimi Prentice and Shortreed were the goal-scorers while goalkeeper Robin Butler received the shutout.

In the semifinal, the Condors nar-

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